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### **DETAILED ACTION**

This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:

#### ***Claim Objections***

Claims 1- 5 and 8 are objected as being unclear and including inferentially recited elements and lack of proper antecedent basis. For example, it is unclear how the entire first and second compressive layer can have ha0.25 mm while the “hardness thereof is 70JIS-A80JIS-D and the thickness thereof is 0.05 mm or more” (claim 1, lines 11-13) . Additionally, there is no proper antecedent basis for “the thickness” (claim 1 line 12). The elements “a supporting body” (claim 1, line 4) and “a separation layer” are inferentially recited. Also, the word “rubberlayer” (claim 1, line 4) should obviously be --rubber layer--.

#### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record does not teach a separate layer to separate the function of the first compressive layer and the second compressive layer in which the first compressive layer absorbs the general pressure and the second compressive layer absorbs the rapid pressure and that the hardness and the thickness of the separation layer are restricted so as not to transmit the general

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pressure to the second compressive layer as argued by applicant (Remarks, page 7, second paragraph).

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE 2 MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS LETTER.

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